

## Careers in Social Studies (Middle School) Teaching Guide

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### Learning Objectives

In this lesson students will:

- Apply active listening skills to learn about occupations from three career pathways which rely on research and communication skills to understand and define different cultures and human experiences.
- Participate in a whole-class discussion about the similarities and differences of various social studies-related careers.
- Navigate the MajorClarity platform to research four social studies-related occupations and determine the following for each: wage information, education requirements, job growth and 1 common task.
- Complete a “test drive” activity for each of the following pathway:s to determine and rate compatibility: **History** and **International Relations**.

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### Materials

- Student computer access (class set of headphones/earbuds recommended)
- Teacher computer access w/ A/V presentation capabilities
- Web browser (*Chrome, Edge* recommended)
- **Careers in Social Studies (MS) Teaching Guide**
- **Careers in Social Studies (MS) Slide Deck**
- **Careers in Social Studies (MS) Student Worksheet** (class set; digital or hard-copies)

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### Tasks

#### Instructor-guided

- Pass out the **Student Worksheet**.
  - Review learning objectives and assignment expectations.
  - Present the **Careers in Social Studies (MS) Slide Deck**.
  - Lead a group discussion about observed similarities and differences among the math-related occupations featured in the presentation.

#### Student-driven

1. Complete section 1 of your **Student Worksheet** as you view the slideshow presentation.
2. Login to MajorClarity and navigate to the first featured pathway - **History**.
3. Locate the two occupations featured in the presentation and identify the following information to be added to section two of your worksheet: *education level, wages, job growth, and 1 common task*.
4. Next, click “Learn from a professional” at the top of the pathway page and view the interview clips with an expert from the field.
5. Once completed, rate your compatibility using the “Score Your Fit” button, and record your rating in section 3 of your worksheet.
6. Return to the *Career Exploration* page and navigate to the **International Relations** pathway. Repeat steps 3 - 5 and record your findings in section 2 of your worksheet.